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SHORTAGE OF SIM CARDS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is acute shortage of BSNL Sim Cards particularly in Basirhat Sub-division of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the plan chalked out to overcome the shortage; and

(c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There is no shortage of SIM cards. However, release of further connection is not being done due to radio capacity limitations in Basirhat.

(b) & (c) As an interim measure, mobile capacity in Basirhat was augmented from 4200 to 5200 in June, 2005 and further expansion is in progress to increase the capacity to 10,000. The connections are likely to be available on demand from December, 2005.